

The NT does not even give us precise details. This does not mean that days are not important. They are a very fine way of driving the truth home. Once a year = = Our Sunday is actually the day in which we remember the resurrection of the Lord. It is very vital that once a week we think of what Jesus did on the cross for us and how He was raised from the dead. We should think of this all the time, but we think of it particularly on these particular days we set apart.

God did not prescribe certain hours of the day in which services would be held. The Sunday School is a new innovation within the last century, a very excellent idea indeed -- an excellent addition to the church service as it had been conducted before. Morning and evening service at stated times - all these are good if they fit with the particular situation, the life culture, the best ways of getting things into people's minds and hearts but they are subject to change as we find by adjusting details we can better advance the purposes of Christ in bringing His thoughts and His teachings to people's hearts and driving them into them as well as into our own. We are called to liberty, but liberty means seeking ways of making Christ more real to us, seeking ways of drawing closer to Him, seeking ways of following the great principles of His Word, seeking ways of getting these principles and ideas into the minds and hearts of others.

It is certainly a very valuable addition to Christian testimony that once a year the whole world pauses to have a time of general rejoicing and giving of gifts and that this is called by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Even those who know nothing about Him recognize that it is a day which originates from remembering His birth. The symbols of the manger, the child, various things remind people of Christ. For those who truly believe in Christ it is a great thing to have a few days set apart particularly to remember His birth just as a few days at another time of the year are set apart to think particularly of His death and resurrection. We should think of these things all the time but it is part of God's provision that there be certain times set apart. Col. does not say that we are not to observe days or seasons, or that we are not to have particular ideas about meat and drink, that we are not to observe Sabbath. It says that we are not to let any man judge us in regard to these. We are not under a legalistic situation. We are in a situation where we use these as a means. Jesus Christ said, The Son of Man is